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PARKS & RECREATION & CEMETERY SERVICES



In an effort to increase awareness of how Farmington City tries to meet residents' needs, we've been highlighting some of the services we provide. This issue focuses on the Parks & Recreation Department, which was formed in 2007 when the Leisure Services Department was reorganized.

The Parks and Recreation Department's scope of responsibility is broad. The department oversees all parks and trails, the cemetery, the swimming pool, as well as performing arts/the Community Arts Center. Our staff also assists with special events, such as the Miss Farmington Pageant, the Easter egg hunt, and Festival Days.

Parks and Recreation depends heavily on summer seasonal employees to maintain our many recreational facilities throughout the City. Thirty two grassy areas are cut each week, and the ball diamonds are cut twice weekly. This work is done by a mow crew, a trails crew, a gardening crew and two sprinkler crews. A retired couple, the Huffs,

maintain the six picnic boweries that are located in various parks and are available to groups or families on a reservation basis. At the beginning of each year, reservations are taken, and generally summer weekends are all booked well before spring. Throughout the summer season, the Huffs clean the restrooms and boweries at least once a day.

To the relief of many residents—especially the children—the pool is now open. Swimming lesson enrollment hit record highs this season, with well over 1000 children signing up. In addition to lessons, the pool also offers lap swimming and aerobics each weekday morning. It is also available to rent for parties with a fee of \$250 for residents and \$350 for non-residents. There are a limited number of nights left for pool rental this year. The swimming season runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Please call for hours of operation.

The Community Arts Center affords residents the opportunity to take a class on anything from yoga

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Dona Scharp

Dona Scharp passed away on May 2, 2008. Dona served as Finance Officer and City Recorder for Farmington City from March 1982 to May 1999. Dona is remembered as a loyal and very effective public servant for this City. Those who worked and served with her over the years readily acknowledge her unquestioned integrity and dedication to the work she so adequately performed.











FIREWORKS

Safety

Fireworks are banned in the following areas:

- 1) On the east side of 200 East between Lund Lane and State Street*
- 2) East of Main street to the Fruit Heights / Kaysville junction.*

The Farmington Fire Department urges you to leave the use of fireworks to the professionals. However, if you are going to light fireworks, please take the following precautions:

-  Children using fireworks should always have adult supervision. Parents can be held financially liable for any fireworks-related damage caused by their children.
-  Light fireworks in a safe area such as on a driveway or other paved surface. Keep fireworks at least 25 feet away from grass and vegetation.
-  Never attempt to relight or alter malfunctioning fireworks. After allowing them to stand for several minutes, discard in a pail of water.
-  Light one firework at a time and move away quickly. Never hold or throw fireworks.
-  Have a water supply nearby, such as a garden hose or bucket of water.
-  If clothes catch fire, remember to STOP, DROP and ROLL. Stop panicking, drop onto the ground, cover your face, and roll until the fire goes out.

Parks & Recreation continued

to ceramics to guitar to country swing dancing to digital scrapbooking. Youth plays, dinner theater, and ballroom dancing help round out the offerings at the center. Like the boweries and the pool, the Community Arts Center is also available for rental.

Recreational opportunities for adults and children are available year-round in Farmington. For more information about the wide range of activities offered, please go to the City website at www.farmington.utah.gov or call the Parks & Recreation office at 451-0953.

The City is creating a master plan for parks and recreation, the trails, cemetery and the arts. Within the near future, we will be asking citizens to express their views about various parks and recreation, as well as community values and priorities. When you receive a survey in the mail, please participate!

Thanks to all the hard workers who make Farmington City beautiful, fun, and friendly! ■

HAPPY PIONEER DAY

from Farmington City's
Historic Preservation Commission

Ahhhh...sunny, sweltering July - the time of year we pay tribute to our pioneer heritage with parades, fireworks, and civic celebrations. If you love Farmington's historic charm, help us preserve it! The Historic Preservation Commission was created to help identify, preserve, and protect Farmington's rich and unique architectural legacy. We also run the City Museum. To get involved, either as a full-fledged commission member or to work on a special-interest subcommittee (cemetery, museum, walking tours, National Register nominations, historic home tours, etc.), please contact commission chair, Alysa Revell, at 447-4397 or at alysa_revell@yahoo.com.



WOODLAND PARK ACCESS

Woodland Park has had a makeover! To access the park, vehicles now enter on a 2-way road with a turnaround at the bottom. Improvements include a playing field, drinking water and portable restrooms. A new parking lot provides ample parking. So come enjoy an old park with fresh life. (But when you do, please avoid parking on the new grass!)



Enjoy this summer's musical with your family and friends. Performances will be July 10, 11 and 16-19 at the newly improved Woodland Park amphitheater. Tickets can be purchased through Parks & Recreation for \$5/ person or \$20/ family of 5. Call 451-0953 or go online at www.farmington.utah.gov.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 2008



July 1	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
July 2	WED	Town Hall Meeting <i>an open forum discussion with Mayor Harbertson and a City Council Member</i>	7:00 pm no agenda open discussion
July 7-12		Festival Days <i>Farmington's annual community celebration</i>	see newsletter insert for schedule of events
July 10, 11 & 16-19		"Music Man" Summer Musical Woodland Park	7:00 pm see details on page 2
July 10	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm
July 15	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
July 16	WED	Town Hall Meeting <i>an open forum discussion with Mayor Harbertson and a City Council Member</i>	7:00 pm no agenda open discussion
July 17	THURS	City Trails Committee Meeting 130 North Main	7:00 pm
July 21	SAT	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
July 23	WED	Historic Preservation Commission 130 North Main	7:00 pm public welcome
July 23, 24 & 25		"Saints on the Sea" Community Arts Center	8:00 pm see details on page 4
July 31	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm

AUGUST 8-9, 2008



Relay For Life is an overnight team fundraising event to help in the fight against cancer. All funds raised go to the American Cancer Society. Interesting in volunteering or participating? Email Alexandra.Willey@cancer.org or call 801.493.4702.

www.events.cancer.org/centraldavis

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Fire Department.....451-2842
Public Works Department..451-2624
Storm Water Maintenance.451-2624
Parks & Recreation.....451-0953
Building Inspection.....451-2383
Water Department.....451-2624
Planning & Zoning.....451-2383
Historical Museum.....451-4850
Animal Control.....444-2200
Garbage.....825-3800
Benchland Water District...482-4929
Weber Water District.....771-1677

After Hours Emergency

Davis County Sheriff.....451-4150
Emergency.....911

Farmington City Hall

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P O Box 160
Farmington, Utah 84025

FAQ:
[frequently asked question]

How and why should I
report vandalism?

(answer on page 6)

PARKS & RECREATION

Parks & Recreation 720 West 100 North 451-0953



EAGLES FOOTBALL

registration started Monday, June 16th for ages 7-15. Participation fee is \$95 (resident) or \$120 (non-resident), plus an additional \$50 deposit for equipment (resident or non-resident).

Applications are being accepted for weight masters, chain gang, and football concessions.

SUMMER CAMP

Send your kids out into the wild to explore nearby nature. Let them spend the afternoon swimming at the pool and playing with new-found friends. Sign up for one of three day camp sessions.

CHEERLEADING

Farmington City joins Viewmont High School to present Farmington Eagle Football Cheerleading.

Registration: June 14-July 18
Camp dates: August 12, 13 & 14
Ages 3-12 (3 year olds must be accompanied by an adult)
Cost: \$25, includes a T-shirt

COUNTRY SWING DANCE

Date: July 18
Time: 7:00-10:00 pm
Location: Community Arts Center
Cost: \$5.00 /pre-registration
\$6.00/ at the door

FARMINGTON FESTIVAL DAYS

see the insert in this newsletter for the schedule

DINNER THEATRE AUDITIONS
for "Murder Room" will take place August 7, 7:00-9:00 pm at the Community Arts Center. Ages 18+ are invited to audition. Come prepared with a comedic monologue and to read from the script.

DIRECTORS & PRODUCERS
are needed for the fall youth production of Annie Jr. Please contact Stephanie Paget for more information, 682-9918 or email SPaget601@aol.com

CLOGGING

Registration: July 1-18
Class dates: July 30-December 3
Cost: \$140 /residents,
\$160 /non-residents

SUMMER FUN

Session 2 begins July 8
Days of camp: Tues & Thurs
Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
Ages: 6-12
Fee: \$45.00 /resident
\$55.00 /non-resident

MAD SCIENCE

Session 2: July 8-10 and 15-18
Time: 1:00-2:00 pm
Designed for ages 6-11

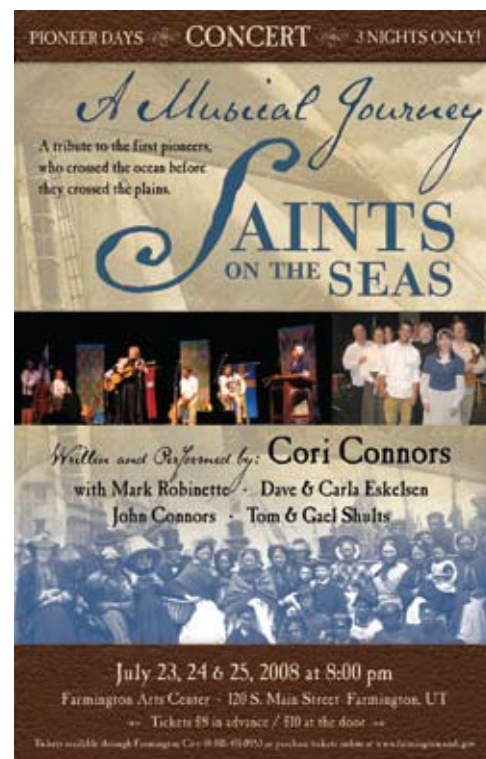
register for all classes at the
Parks & Recreation office or online

ORGANIZATIONAL WORKSHOPS

ARCHERY

TENNIS

A production by Cori Connors
July 23, 24 & 25
8:00 pm
Community Arts Center
\$8.00 advance / \$10.00 at the door



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K A R E N & K A R L A S A Y

... there's something fundamentally healthy about caring for animals and staying close to the natural rhythms of planting and harvest

Between 1997 and 2002, the number of American farms consisting of nine or fewer acres decreased from just over 200,000 to less than 180,000, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. During the same time, the number of farms in Davis County decreased by 11 percent. These numbers concern Karl and Karen Asay, who have held on to their six acre parcel of land in west Farmington long enough to raise their children and to trade their horses for cattle.

“**T**here’s something soothing about looking out the window and watching your cattle grazing,” Karen explains. Karl agrees. He believes there’s something fundamentally healthy about caring for animals and staying close to the natural rhythms of planting and harvest. And stay close he does, even if it requires adaptation. For instance, when his back started bothering him, Karl began using his riding lawnmower to survey the fields and haul feed to the animals. Last winter, when the mower got high-centered on a frozen cow-patty, Karl announced

it was time for a four-wheeler. His back troubles finally resulted in spinal fusion surgery, and Karl now has to rely on help lifting or transporting heavy objects. But that help generally comes from family, which serves to draw all the Asays closer to the land they love.

That generational love is important, as it may only be passion that breeds willpower strong enough to keep the farm alive as the landscape of western Farmington changes rapidly around it. When the Asays purchased the land, they had the foresight to push for protective covenants: as long as they use their land for farming purposes, they can keep animals. But as more surrounding land is sold for development and the area becomes more residential than rural, attitudes and values change. The Asays worry that newer residents will object to the presence of livestock and push city officials to make zoning changes. They know their children are likely to face tough choices down the road. And as Karen explains, “Once you’ve had the property in your family for a number of years, you want to hang onto it.”

Like nearly a million other Americans who are classified as farmers, farming has never been the Asay’s primary source of income. Karl is a welder by trade, and Karen spent years working at Workforce Services. Nor has the farm been their sole interest. Both are avid readers, and after making use of the library to teach himself geology and chemistry, Karl began prospecting for gold, which he learned how to refine—a relatively lucrative hobby.

But nothing outside of family means more to the Asays than their land and their community. While they remain unsure about the changes the future may bring to their lifestyle, they appreciate the open-door policy of Farmington’s current mayor and the dialogue that policy facilitates. They know that like farming, a community has natural rhythms that must be understood and honored in order to achieve a healthy balance.

Thank you to the Asays for being active and principled members of the Farmington community!



Farmington, like other cities in Davis County, has experienced an increase in graffiti and other vandalism in recent months. Vandalism comes at a great price to Farmington residents, not only in increased costs for removal or cleaning of public property, but also expense to individuals when it occurs on private property. Citizens bringing vandalism to the attention of the Farmington Police Department as soon as it is discovered, as well as reporting suspicious circumstances, will contribute to Farmington's efforts to minimize the number of incidents.

If you see any suspicious activity, please report it to the Farmington Police Department at 451-5453.

Garbage & Sewer Utility Rates

Increasing July 1, 2008

On June 17, 2008, the City Council passed a resolution to increase both garbage and sewer rates. Garbage rates will increase by 50 cents/can for all cans. First can rates will increase from \$12.00 to \$12.50/month. Additional cans will increase from \$9.25 to \$9.75/month. The increase is due to higher costs of fuel being passed on to the City from the garbage hauler, the added costs for spring cleanup due to fuel costs, and the moving of a part-time employee to full-time in order to keep up with the demands of taking care of all the cans. The Sewer District raised their rates by \$2.00 for residential and \$3.75 for commercial/multi-family. Farmington is passing the increase on to residents. The City will be collecting 25 cents more than the Sewer District increase in order to cover additional overhead costs. Residential rate will go from \$17.75 to \$20.00/month. Commercial rates will go from \$32.00 to \$36.00/month. Increases will appear on August utility bills.

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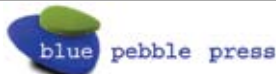
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